# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
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STARRED QUESTION NO:658
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NON-UTILISATION OF DEFENCE BUDGET
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Army failed to utilise over Rs. 1000/- crores of budget earmarked for 1999-2000 despite pendency of modernisation/upgradation demands of arms, ammunitions and certain other equipments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to cut short procedural delays in purchasing defence equipment?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The Final Accounts for 1999-2000 are not yet due. However, from the preliminary figures regarding the progress of expenditure, utilisation of Army Budget has not fallen short by around Rs. 1000/- Crores.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.